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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #2

(Governance of Economic and Legal Systems Improved)



Asia Foundation, USAID support mediator's workshop

The very first Eminent Mediator's Workshop, sponsored by The Asia Foundation (TAF) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and organized by the Conflict Resolution Foundation, Inc. (CoRe Group), was held recently at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Executive Business Center. Carrying the theme "Leaders Building Bridges for a Peaceful Tomorrow," the workshop was a rare gathering of the country's prominent business leaders, united with the singular goal of altering the face of conflict resolution in the Philippines through the use of mediation. Photo shows some of the participants, among them (top row, from left) Dr. Jose Sandejas, Julius Nazareno, CoRe member Dr. Francisco Ramirez, Dr. Antonio Calanoc, Jose Pardo, Jarius Bondoc, Dean Andres Bautista, (second row, from left) CoRe member Tristan Besa, Robert Poblete, Ricardo Chua, Jr., Agrarian Reform Assistant Secretary Lorenzo Reyes, Atty. Richard Ferrer, Gen. Edgardo Aglipay, Chua Beng Theng, Atty. Arnel Dolendón, Interior and Local Government Assistant Secretary Serafin Benaldo, (front row, from left) Gen. Reynaldo Wycoco, Suzette Pido, Melanie Lara, Elizabeth Palma, former senator Loren Legarda-Leviste, CoRe President Annabelle Abaya, Armando Surato, Miguel Varela, and Greg Navarro.

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